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their graves before the ship could come
from England, and the hoes and axes
would be of no advantage to them when
dead. They wanted them now. They had no
tools at present, but wooden ones, to work
their potatoe grounds with; and requested
that we would relieve their present distress.
It is exceedingly difficult, nay, I may say
impossible, to convince them, by any ar-
gument, that we have it not in our power
to comply with their wishes. It would
take 5000 axes and hoes to meet the
present demand; and it is more than
probable, that when that number should
have been distributed, as many more
would be required.

In the evening, I walked over to Ippoonah,
accompanied by Messrs. Kendall and Hall,
to see what progress the Natives were making
in preparing their potatoe grounds for planting.